

Performance of Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools in Delhi

4364. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any panel has been appointed by the Delhi Administration to go into the cases of poor performance of the Capital's Secondary and Senior Secondary School students in 1990-91 examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any study has been carried out regarding the performance of the individual teachers and the extent to which the teachers are responsible for the poor performance?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c). Delhi Admn. has appointed a Senior Consultant for undertaking a study with the objective of identifying the causes of low performance of Sec. and Sr. Sec. School students in the 1990-91 examinations and also to suggest measures for qualitative improvement of school education. The scope of the study includes the performance of the teachers.

Cancellation of Trains in Kerala

4365. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of trains cancelled in Kerala;

(b) the number and names of Kerala bound trains cancelled;

(c) the reasons for their cancellation; and

(d) the time by which these trains are likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (d). 6365/6366 Tiruchchirapalli-Cochin Express, 8689/8690 Bokaro Steel City-Alleppey Express (on Madras-Alleppey section), 7489/7490 Varanasi-Cochin Express (Weekly), 6017/6018 Jammu Tawi-Kanniyakumari Himsagar Express (Weekly and 6687/6688 Jammu Tawi-Mangalore Navyug Express (Weekly) serving Kerala alongwith other states have been temporarily withdrawn to conserve diesel locomotives to cater to peak season goods traffic. These will be restored during April, 1992.

Afforestation Programme

4366. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new technology of tissue culture has made any tangible dent on deforestation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of trees planted since 1960 both normal and from tissue culture and rate of survival in both cases;

(d) whether the afforestation programmes have made any tangible mark in the country; and

(e) if so, the results of evaluation made, including satellite surveys?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN

KUMARAMANGALAM: (a) and (b). Tissue Culture is a new technology which is still under trial in the country. The Department of Bio-Technology has initiated action in last three years to set up facilities by way of pilot plant units for producing plantlets using this technology. These plantlets are yet to be tried extensively under field conditions.

(c) and (d). Under the Afforestation and Tree Plantation Programme covering all States and Union Territories, the total area coverage from 1960 to 1990 was 16.7 million hectares, of which 8.88 million hectares was during the Seventh Plan period (1985-90). In the last two years about 15,000 Tissue Culture raised plantlets have been taken up for conducting field trials.

(e) Monitoring and evaluation of the afforestation/tree planting activities is carried out through the State Governments who have their own have their own arrangements for this purpose. Studies and evaluation of social forestry activities carried out in different States reveal that these activities have contributed to increase in bio-mass production, employment opportunities and income generation in rural areas, encouragement of farm-forestry/agro-forestry on private lands, involvement of women and voluntary agencies in forestry activities.

[*Translation*]

Lifting Ban on Certain Medicines

4367. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have lifted the ban imposed on certain medicines;

(b) if so, the names of those medicines; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Admission in Aligarh Muslim University

4368. SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Court of the Aligarh Muslim University has adopted a resolution proposing a scheme of admission with reservation for Muslim students;

(b) if so, the particulars of the proposed scheme;

(c) whether despite objection by the Government the Court has recently reaffirmed the resolution;

(d) whether the Government recognise the Aligarh Muslim University as a minority institution;

(e) if so, whether the Government have taken notice of the recent judgement of the Supreme Court recognising the right of minority institutions to reserve upto 50% of their intake for the community concerned; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Court of Aligarh Muslim University, in its meeting held on 20.8.89, resolved inter alia to accept the recommendations of the Tyabji Committee for reservation of 50% seats in Class XI,